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Remarkable Nonsense about the Holocaust

Liar Leon Bass says, 'believe the lie'

Holocaust anything but a 'myth'

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Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Iran's nutcase president, caused an international stir last October when he said Israel should be "wiped off the map."

Last week, his Islamofascist anti-Semitism was in full-throat when he expressed doubt that the Nazis had slaughtered 6 million Jews during World War II.

He followed that by saying the Holocaust is a "myth."

Tell that to Leon Bass, Dave Tuck and Bernie Lens. All three were witnesses to the Holocaust, the genocide perpetrated by the Nazis on the Jews.

"I can tell you it was no myth," said Bass, a retired high school principal who lives in Middletown.

He was 20 years old and in the Army when he was ordered to the Buchenwald concentration camp in April 1945.

"I thought it would be a camp, you know, where prisoners of war were held," Bass said. "When we got there, there was the smell. I saw dead and dying. People vomiting and falling down. They were the walking dead. They held onto each other just to keep from falling down. They had sores all over their bodies brought on by malnutrition. One man held out his hand to me and his fingers were webbed together from the sores. These walking dead came up to me and began speaking in languages I didn't understand.

"A young Polish man who spoke English began telling us what happened. He said these were Jews and Gypsies. Jehovah's Witnesses. Some were Catholics and trade unionists. Communists. Homosexuals. All people the Nazis deemed inferior.

"I stood there and thought, my God, what did these people do to deserve this?"

[...]

Mullane's opinion column appears Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Webmaster note: One might ask what the German people did to deserve Leon Bass, the noted liar from the PBS special (and book) "Liberators."

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